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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Attorney Docket No. 12770US01

In the Application of: )  
Doyle et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/273,673 ) Express Mail No. EL 933130952 US  
Filed: March 22, 1999 ) Date: January 9, 2003  
For: Computer Apparatus and Method )  
for Trading and Clearing Futures )  
Contracts to Accommodate a )  
Variable Sensitivity Related to the )  
General Level of Interest Rates )  
Examiner: Frantzy Poinvil )  
Group Art Unit: 3628 )

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

This Amendment is a response to the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002.  
This Amendment is being mailed within the period for response which ends February 2, 2003.  
Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:  
20. (Amended) A futures contract trading and clearing apparatus, said apparatus comprising:  
  
an input device for receiving user input information, the user input information including  
a base tick value and a trade price;